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Empty Chairs Honor Victims of Oklahoma City Bombing



People move into the Field of Empty Chairs, where bombing victims are memorialized, following a ceremony for the 20th anniversary of the Oklahoma City bombing at the Oklahoma City National Memorial in Oklahoma City, Sunday, April 19, 2015.

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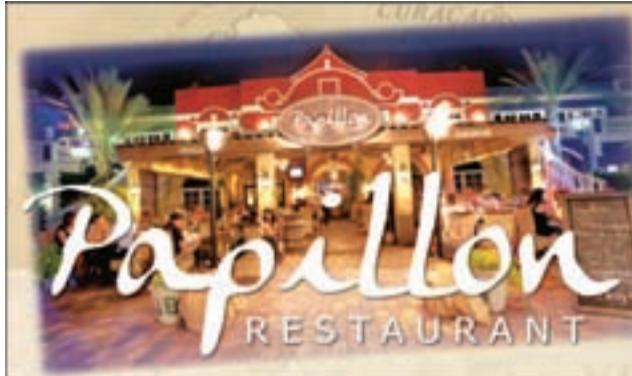
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Oklahoma City Bombing Memorial Executive Director Kari Watkins holds hands with former U.S. President Bill Clinton during a remembrance ceremony, Sunday, April 19, 2015, at the Oklahoma City National Memorial & Museum in Oklahoma City.

(Doug Hoke/The Oklahoman via AP, Pool)

TIM TALLEY

Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Several thousand people gathered Sunday to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the Oklahoma City federal building bombing that killed 168 people, which was the deadliest terrorist attack on U.S. soil until the Sept. 11 attacks six years later.

Former President Bill Clinton, who was in office when the attack occurred, spoke at Sunday's service at the Oklahoma City National Memorial & Museum, where the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building once stood.

"Oklahoma City, you have chosen well," Clinton said. "For 20 years you have honored the memories of your loved ones. You have inspired us with the power of renewal."

Clinton said the city has recovered from the terrorist attack "in the face of mad, crazy people who think that differences are all that matter."

"The whole world needs you now," the former president said in reference to other deadly terrorist attacks that have occurred

around the world.

Memorial officials estimated that 2,500 people attended the observance. The service started with a 168-second moment of silence to honor each of those who died in the April 19, 1995 bombing. It concluded about 90 minutes later with survivors and tearful relatives of the dead reading the names of those killed.

"This was a place of unspeakable horror and tragedy," said Frank Keating, who completed his first 100 days as Oklahoma's governor the day before the attack.

"How some evil individual would do what he did ... is unforgiveable and absolutely unimaginable."

"The agony was consistent. The agony appeared never to end," Keating said.

After the service, LaDonna Battle and her family were standing between two of the 168 metal and glass chairs that now stand as a testament to those who were killed. The two chairs were inscribed with the names of her parents, Calvin and Peola Battle, who were arranging to receive Social Security benefits

when the bomb detonated.

"We're completing a journey with steel hearts. We're rebuilding our lives," LaDonna Battle said.

Dr. Rosslyn Biggs said that every day when she goes to work as a federal government veterinarian she is reminded of her mother who was killed in the Oklahoma City bombing.

Biggs has the same job

once held by her mother,

Dr. Margaret L. "Peggy" Clark, as a food safety veterinarian at the U.S. Department of Agriculture. She interacts often with some of the people who worked with and recall her mother's professionalism.

"I remember her spirit and her dedication," Biggs said as she and other family members gathered around the empty chair bearing her mother's name which was adorned with flowers.

"It's wonderful to see that people still remember and still care," Biggs said.

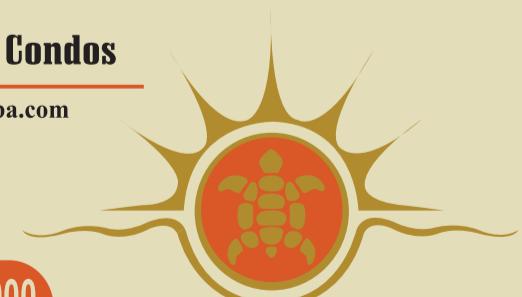
In a statement, President Barack Obama offered condolences to the victims' families and thanked first responders who risked their lives after the bombing, law enforcement and prosecutors who brought the perpetrators to justice and ordinary men and women in Oklahoma for their resilience. □

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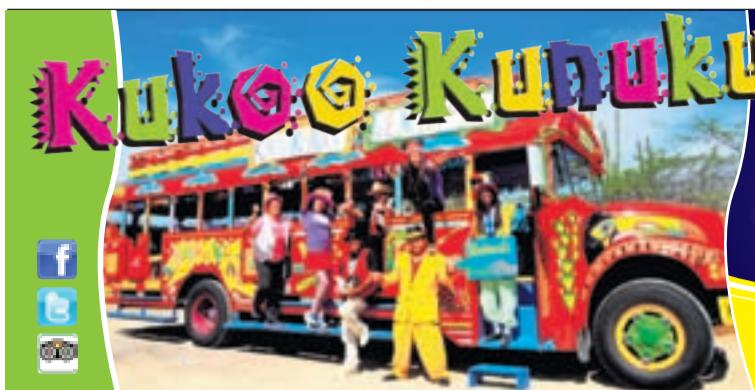
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Republican hopefuls bicker over America's role in world

Associated Press

NASHUA, New Hampshire (AP) — Republican presidential hopefuls clashed over foreign policy at a conference in New Hampshire — the small Northeastern state that plays an outsized role in the presidential nominating process.

Sen. Rand Paul, a first-term senator from Kentucky, lashed out at military hawks in the Republican Party. The libertarian-

minded Paul, who favors a smaller U.S. footprint in the world, said that some of his Republican colleagues would do more harm in international affairs than would leading Democrat Hillary Rodham Clinton. "The other Republicans will criticize the president and Hillary Clinton for their foreign policy, but they would just have done the same thing — just 10 times over," Paul said Saturday on

the closing day of a New Hampshire Republican conference that brought about 20 presidential prospects to the first-in-the-nation primary state.

"There's a group of folks in our party who would have troops in six countries right now, maybe more," Paul said.

Foreign policy looms large in the presidential race as the U.S. struggles to resolve diplomatic and military



Republican presidential hopeful Sen. Rand Paul, R-Ky., speaks at the Republican Leadership Summit Saturday, April 18, 2015, in Nashua, N.H. (AP Photo/Jim Cole)

conflicts across the globe. The Republican presidential class regularly rails against President Barack Obama's leadership on the world stage, yet some would-be contenders have yet to articulate their own positions, while others offered sharply different visions.

Former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, whose brother, President George W. Bush, authorized the 2003 invasion of Iraq, declined to say whether he would have done anything different then. Yet Jeb Bush acknowledged a shift in his party against new military action abroad.

"Our enemies need to fear us, a little bit, just enough for them to deter the actions that create insecurity," Bush said earlier in the conference. He said restoring alliances "that will create less likelihood of America's boots on the ground has to be the priority, the first priority of the next president."

Republican hawks were well represented at the event, led by Florida Sen. Marco Rubio and several lesser-known White House

prospects. South Carolina Sen. Lindsey Graham addressed the question of putting U.S. troops directly in the battle against the Islamic State group militants by saying there is only one way to defeat the militants: "You go over there and you fight them so they don't come here."

Texas Sen. Ted Cruz suggested an aggressive approach as well. "The way to defeat ISIS is a simple and clear military objective," he said. "We will destroy them."

Businesswoman Carly Fiorina said, "The world is a more dangerous and more tragic place when America is not leading. And America has not led for quite some time."

Under Obama, a U.S.-led coalition of Western and Arab countries is conducting regular airstrikes against Islamic State targets in Iraq and Syria. The U.S. also has hundreds of military advisers in Iraq helping Iraqi security forces plan operations against the Islamic State, which occupies large chunks of northern and western Iraq. □



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New York's Gov. Cuomo to visit Cuba as ties reopen



Gov. Andrew Cuomo (center) with Robert De Niro and Harvey Keitel at Vanity Fair's party kicking off the Tribeca Film Festival, in New York. New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo is heading to Havana, the first American governor to visit Cuba since the recent thaw in relations with the communist nation.

(Krista Schlueter/The New York Times)

DAVID KLEPPER

Associated Press

ALBANY, New York (AP)

— New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo is heading to Havana, the first American governor to visit Cuba since the recent thaw in relations with the communist nation. Whether his trade mission generates anything more than headlines, however, remains to be seen.

The formal state visit on Monday and Tuesday is meant to foster greater ties between New York and Cuba. Cuomo will be joined by lawmakers and a group of business leaders for what he has called "a tremendous stepping stone" that will "help open the door to a new market for New York businesses."

Trade experts say New York could profit from improved relations with the Caribbean nation. New York farmers could export apples, powdered milk and other dairy products. Businesses could invest in Cuba's developing information technology infrastructure. Ho-

liers could build resorts to prepare for the increase in American tourists.

Any significant economic relationship with Cuba will take time, according to Joe Schoonmaker, the chairman of the New York District Export Council who works as a trade risk insurance broker. He predicted that tourism would be the first sector of the Cuban economy to open up and that it will be some time before Cuba is engaging in robust trade.

"It's not going to be like opening up China," he said. "As far as hundreds of millions of dollars of products going down to Cuba, I don't see it at this time. They're not going to be buying a lot of stuff."

Critics say Cuomo's visit legitimizes a dictatorship and is more about politics than exports. State Republican Chairman Ed Cox dismissed the trade mission as a political stunt "meant to bolster his national profile."

Republican Assemblywoman Nicole Malliotakis,

whose mother is a Cuban emigre, said any efforts to normalize relations must be accompanied by significant concessions from the Castro regime.

"I do not understand the purpose of this trade mission or see any concrete benefit for the state of New York," said Malliotakis, who represents portions of Staten Island and Brooklyn. Cuomo spokeswoman Melissa DeRosa said that greater engagement with Cuba will "do more to support the Cuban people and promote our values" than "continuing a policy

of isolation which has failed for the last 50 years."

Those expected to join Cuomo on the trip include Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie, the CEOs of JetBlue and Chobani Greek Yogurt and executives from Pfizer, biopharmaceutical company Regeneron and a Finger Lakes dairy company.

The U.S. has been exporting limited amounts of food to Cuba for years. New York is one of the top producers in the U.S. of dairy products and apples.

"There's potential there," said Steve Ammerman of

the New York State Farm Bureau. "Any time we can create another outlet for our farm products and our farmers to make more money, that's a good thing for our entire ag economy in New York state."

As a center of global finance, New York City in particular has even more to gain from Cuba. Graciela Chichilnisky, a professor of economics at Columbia University, said Cuomo and other U.S. leaders may want to consider financial arrangements to encourage trade and investment in Cuba. □



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Gyrocopter pilot frustrated message isn't getting through

JOSHUA REPROGLE

Associated Press

RUSKIN, Florida (AP) — The letter carrier who caused a full-scale security review in Washington when he violated national airspace by landing his gyrocopter on Capitol Hill expressed frustration Sunday that his message wasn't getting through.

Doug Hughes had hoped to raise awareness about the influence of big money in politics by deliberately breaking the law to deliver 535 letters, one for each member of Congress. Instead, the overwhelming focus of news coverage has been about the gaps he exposed in national security.

"We've got bigger problems in this country than worrying about whether the security around DC is ironclad," Hughes told



Doug Hughes puts address labels on half of the 535 letters to Congress that he later 'delivered' via gyrocopter at his home in Ruskin, Fla. (James Borchuck/The Tampa Bay Times via AP)

The Associated Press. "We need to be worried about the piles of money that are going into Congress."

Hughes, 61, spoke as he returned to his home in Florida to await prosecu-

tion on charges of violating national airspace and operating an unregistered aircraft. He said his house arrest begins Monday, and he will wear an electronic monitoring ankle bracelet

until a May 8 court hearing in Washington.

Hughes said people weren't scared when they saw his gyrocopter. He says they waved to each other as he flew in low and slow over the National Mall, over the reflecting pool and onto the Capitol's West lawn.

Hughes spent a night in jail after Capitol Police arrested him. The ultralight aircraft and its cargo — a U.S. Postal Service bin carrying the letters — were seized. "The message was two pages long to Congress that they are going to have to face the issue, OK, of campaign-finance reform

and honesty and government so that they work for the people," Hughes said. Hughes' Russian-born wife, Alena, told the AP that her husband acted out of patriotism for the United States.

"I am very proud of my husband. He is a countryman," she said.

Asked Sunday if he too thinks he's a patriot or simply crazy, Hughes said "everyone gets to make up their own mind about me, that's what I'd say."

"But do you consider yourself a patriot?" a reporter asked.

"No, I'm a mailman," Hughes said. □

Baltimore investigates death of man in police custody

JULIET LINDERMANN

Associated Press

BALTIMORE (AP) — Baltimore police were conducting a criminal investigation Sunday into the death of a man injured in their custody, and the mayor vowed to ensure the city held "the right people accountable."

Freddie Gray, 25, of Baltimore, died Sunday at a hospital, a week after he was hurt following an arrest. A timeline released earlier in the week by police said Gray was taken by a van from the scene to a station, where an ambulance was called to take him to the University of Maryland R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center. Civilian video showed him being loaded into the van, but did not show the entire encounter.

Gray was black; the race of the officers involved could not immediately be confirmed. His death came amid a national debate about the deaths of

black men at the hands of police.

The killings of two unarmed black men by white police officers in Ferguson, Missouri, and New York City last year touched off protests and a national debate over police conduct that intensified after grand juries declined to indict the officers. Earlier this month, an unarmed black man was shot and killed by a white police officer in North Charleston, South Carolina. The officer was charged with murder.

An attorney retained by Gray's family, Billy Murphy, described extensive injuries in a statement Sunday.

"His spine was 80 percent severed at his neck. He lapsed into a coma, died, was resuscitated, stayed in a coma and on Monday, underwent extensive surgery at Shock Trauma to save his life," Murphy said. "He clung to life for seven days and died today at approximately 7 a.m." □

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US Financial Front:

Canadian shrimp imports up as Maine fishery remains closed



Gulls follow a shrimp fishing boat as crewmen haul in their catch in the Gulf of Maine. Canadian imports of the sweet, quarter-sized cold water shrimp are turning up more in American restaurants and seafood markets since a ban on fishing for Maine shrimp dried up local sources.

(AP Photo/Robert F. Bukaty)

PATRICK WHITTLE
Associated Press

PORTLAND, Maine (AP) — Maine fishmonger Glen Libby made a disheartening discovery on Easter Sunday brunch — the cold water shrimp on the menu at a restaurant up the street from his fish market were from Canada, not the northeastern New England states.

Canadian imports of the sweet, quarter-sized crustaceans are turning up more in American restaurants and seafood markets since a ban on fishing for Maine shrimp dried up local sources. The value of Canada's shrimp imports to the U.S. grew nearly 20 percent, to more than \$30.5 million, from 2013 to 2014, federal statistics say. Canadian imports of cold water shrimp to Maine alone more than doubled, to nearly 100 metric tons (110 tons), in that time, Canadian authorities said. The price to American consumers has also risen since the December 2013 shutdown. Libby said the inability to sell the popular shrimp is a deep pain in the winter and spring, when customers typically come looking for them. But he said he'd rather wait for the American fishery to reopen than sell the Canadian alternative.

"We're trying to be about local food, so that doesn't really fit the model," Libby said. "We're selling what's available and what's in season."

Fishermen from coastal New England and eastern Canada fish for the pinkish

cold water shrimp, which are popular for their tender meat. Regulators shut down the Gulf of Maine fishery, which was dominated by Maine fishermen and also included some from New Hampshire and Massachusetts, over concerns about low population. Scientists have cited rising temperatures in the Gulf of Maine as a threat to the species, which many Maine fishermen rely on to make money during the winter.

The Canadian fishery for the shrimp is much larger — and according to Canadian authorities, more stable — than New England's. Canadian fishermen's catch of the shrimp averaged about 150,000 metric tons (165,350 tons) per year from 2009 to 2013. New England's catch averaged about 3,300 metric tons (3,640 tons) in that time, including a low year of about 300 metric tons (330 tons) in 2013.

Canadian shrimp landings are above average over the last 15 years, said David Walters, a spokesman for Fisheries and Oceans Canada. He said shrimp stocks are down in the southern end of their range off of Newfoundland and Labrador, where much of the fishing takes place, but they remain in "good condition."

Meanwhile, some Maine dealers said they or other vendors have resorted to Canadian alternatives so they can keep the popular item on the menu. Glen Libby's brother Gary, a fishermen who sits on the multi-state Northern Shrimp Advi-

sory Panel, said the Canadian shrimp are "filling in for now" until the New England stock rebuilds.

Gary Libby predicted that the presence of Canadian shrimp on the market could ultimately benefit Maine shrimpers, because it will keep consumers familiar with the product, which is smaller and sweeter than the familiar warm water shrimp of the Gulf of Mexico. "Once we get our resource back, we're going to own it, because we're going to be able to deliver the product for less than Canada can," Gary Libby said. The lack of availability of cold water shrimp has also made them more expensive. The shrimp often cost \$10 or more per pound to consumers — more than

three times the typical price three years ago.

Maine Department of Marine Resource Commissioner Patrick Keliher is not concerned with the impact of Canadian imports, in part because consumers will "recognize the superior value of Maine shrimp when they once again have access to it," a department spokesman said. Maine's cold water shrimp are typically a little meatier than their Canadian cousins, fishermen said.

Spencer Fuller, a shrimp and lobster buyer at Cozy Harbor Seafood in Portland, said he hopes the ban on fishing Maine shrimp is lifted next winter. Consumers and restaurants are also replacing the shrimp with warm water species, he said. □

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American Living:

In NYC, debate over saving small shops amid chains' rise

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Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — New York is increasingly becoming chain store city.

Looking for a "Seinfeld"-style coffee shop? It's sharing the city with 280 Starbucks and more than 530 Dunkin' Donuts. A good neighborhood deli? It's competing with some 460 Subways. And the corner store may well now be a Chase bank or Walgreens.

Amid eye-popping rents and the demise of a number of well-known local haunts, some activists and lawmakers are proposing new rent-renewal rights for small businesses that they see as saving the personality of the city.

"To me, the streetscape of New York City is what sells New York City. To make a city of chain stores would not be inviting for residents or visitors," said Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer, among those making the proposals.

"Yes, they go to Times Square, but then they get so excited when they go to Little Italy or Chinatown ... that's what makes New York."

But in a city where small businesses — and commercial rent control proposals — have come and gone for decades, the buzz about saving storefronts is spurring debate between those who feel New York's distinctiveness is at stake and others who say the changing retail



Two national chain restaurants are seen next to small businesses lining Seventh Ave in midtown Manhattan. New York is increasingly becoming chain store city. But some activists and lawmakers want to make sure small shops still have a place in the Big Apple. They're proposing new rent-renewal rights for small businesses that they see as saving the personality of the city.

(AP Photo/Mary Altaffer)

landscape represents the free market at work.

To Dr. Sam Shelanski, shops like Pearl River Mart, an emporium of all things Chinese, are a New York highlight. But the store recently said it might close later this year after 44 years in various locations because its rent was poised to jump from about \$110,000 to more than \$500,000 a month at its current SoHo home.

"It's another piece of what makes New York so unique and so colorful that is now gone," said Shelanski, a regular visitor from Fort Collins, Colorado.

But to landlords and real estate brokers, a booming city that draws big retail benefits both residents and visitors, and government has no business trying to protect one type of shop over another.

"The market is going to dictate whether or not a mom-and-pop's going to survive ... and when we try to stop

that from happening, we're going to hurt the economy of New York," said Steven Spinola, president of the Real Estate Board of New York, a major landlords' group.

New York is home to some of the world's most expensive retail real estate. Asking rents in the prime of Fifth Avenue have risen about 50 percent in five years to top \$3,100 per square foot, or \$6.2 million for a space the size of an average Starbucks, according to real estate firms CBRE and Cushman & Wakefield.

Manhattan landlords ask an average of about \$94 per square foot per year, compared to \$34 in San Francisco, \$13 in Atlanta and \$12 in Kansas City, Missouri, Cushman & Wakefield says.

National chains have expanded in New York City for six straight years, boasting 7,473 locations last year, according to the Center for an Urban Future, a public

policy think tank.

Chains have a role to play in the city and have added value, such as national grocery stores that have offered more food choice to residents, said the center's executive director, Jonathan Bowles. But in high-profile neighborhoods such as SoHo, the Upper West Side and Chelsea, so many national retailers have gone up that "it's become very difficult for any independent retailer to afford space."

Rent hikes and lease clashes have become so commonplace that an online "Save NYC" campaign has emerged featuring videos lamenting a litany of beloved storefronts and eateries that have closed their doors.

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Video: Islamic State kills Ethiopian Christians in Libya

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Associated Press

CAIRO (AP) — Islamic State militants in Libya shot and beheaded groups of captive Ethiopian Christians, a video purportedly from the extremists showed Sunday. The attack widens the circle of nations affected by the group's atrocities while showing its growth beyond a self-declared caliphate in Syria and Iraq.

The release of the 29-minute video comes a day after Afghanistan's president blamed the extremists for a suicide attack in his country that killed at least 35 people — and underscores the chaos gripping Libya after its 2011 civil war and the killing of dictator Moammar Gadhafi.

It also mirrored a film released in February showing militants beheading 21 captured Egyptian Christians on a Libyan beach, which immediately drew Egyptian airstrikes on the group's suspected positions in Libya. Whether Ethiopia would — or could — respond with similar military force remains unclear.



This undated image made from a video released by Islamic State militants, Sunday, April 19, 2015, shows a group of captured Ethiopian Christians taken to a beach before they were killed by Islamic State militants, in Libya.

(Militant video via AP)

Ethiopia long has drawn the anger of Islamic extremists over its military's attacks on neighboring Somalia, whose population is almost entirely Muslim. While the militant in the video at one point said "Muslim blood that was shed under the hands of your religion is not cheap," it did not specifically mention the Ethiopian government's actions.

The video, released via mili-

tant social media accounts and websites, could not be independently verified by The Associated Press. However, it corresponded to other videos released by the Islamic State group and bore the symbol of its al-Furqan media arm.

The video starts with what it called a history of Christian-Muslim relations, followed by scenes of militants destroying churches, graves

and icons. A masked fighter brandishing a pistol delivers a long statement, saying Christians must convert to Islam or pay a special tax prescribed by the Quran. It shows one group of captives, identified as Ethiopian Christians, purportedly held by an Islamic State affiliate in eastern Libya known as Barqa Province. It also shows another purportedly held by an affiliate in the

southern Libyan calling itself the Fazzan Province. The video then switches between footage of the captives in the south being shot dead and the captives in the east being beheaded on a beach. It was not immediately possible to estimate how many captives were killed or confirm their identities.

In Ethiopia, government spokesman Redwan Hussein said officials were in contact with its embassy in Cairo to verify the video's authenticity. Hussein said he believed those killed likely were Ethiopian migrants hoping to reach Europe. Libya has become a hub for migrants across Africa hoping to cross the Mediterranean to enter Europe for work and better lives.

"If this is confirmed, it will be a warning to people who wish to risk and travel to Europe through the dangerous route," Hussein said.

Abba Kaletsik Mulugeta, an official with the Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahdo Church's Patriarchate Office, told the AP he also believed the victims likely were migrants. □

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Survivor: Smugglers locked hundreds in hold of capsized boat

FRANCES D'EMILIO
Associated Press

ROME (AP) — A smuggler's boat crammed with hundreds of people overturned off Libya's coast as rescuers approached, causing what could be the Mediterranean's deadliest known migrant tragedy and intensifying pressure on the European Union Sunday to finally meet demands for decisive action.

Survivor accounts of the number aboard varied, with the Italian Coast Guard saying that the capsized boat had a capacity for "hundreds" of people. Italian prosecutors said a Bangladeshi survivor

flown to Sicily for treatment told them 950 people were aboard, including hundreds who had been locked in the hold by smugglers. Earlier, authorities said a survivor told them 700 migrants were on board.

It was not immediately clear if they were referring to the same survivor, and Premier Matteo Renzi said Italian authorities were "not in a position to confirm or verify" how many were on board when the boat set out from Libya.

Eighteen ships joined the rescue effort, but only 28 survivors and 24 bodies had been pulled from the water by nightfall, Renzi said.



Migrants stand on the deck of the Italian Navy ship "Driade" prior to being disembarked in Messina's port, Sicily, Italy. UNHCR said Sunday, April 19, 2015, a search and recovery rescue operation is under way after a boat carrying hundreds of migrants overturned north of Libya.

(AP Photo/Carlo Imbesi)

These small numbers make more sense if hundreds of people were locked in the hold, because with so

that the investigation was ongoing.

Iraso said the sea in the area is too deep for divers, suggesting that the final toll may never be known. The sea off Libya runs as deep as 3 miles (5 kilometers) or more.

"How can it be that we daily are witnessing a tragedy?" asked Renzi, who strategized with his top ministers ahead of Monday's European Union meeting in Luxembourg, where foreign ministers scrambled to add stopping the smugglers to their agenda.

Prosecutor Giovanni Salvi told The Associated Press by phone from the city of Catania that a survivor from Bangladesh described the situation on the fishing boat to prosecutors who interviewed him in a hospital. The man said about 300 people were in the hold, locked in there by the smugglers, when the vessel set out. He said that of the 950 who set out aboard the doomed boat, some 200 were women and several dozen were children.

Salvi stressed that there was no confirmation yet of the man's account and

as authorities from France, Spain, Germany and Britain joined calls for a unified response.

"Europe can do more and Europe must do more," said Martin Schulz, president of the European Parliament. "It is a shame and a confession of failure how many countries run away from responsibility and how little money we provide for rescue missions."

Europe must mobilize "more ships, more over-flights by aircraft," French President Francois Hollande told French TV Canal + on Sunday. Renzi said he too wants action, but he rejected calls by some Italian lawmakers for a naval blockade. That would only "wind up helping the smugglers" since military ships would be there to rescue any migrants, and they wouldn't be able to return passengers to chaos and violence in Libya. □

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Opposition centrists win Finland election, face tough talks



Chairmen Juha Sipilä, left, of the Centre Party and Alexander Stubb of the National Coalition attend a parliamentary elections media reception at the press conference in Helsinki, Sunday April 19, 2015. Finland voted Sunday to determine which coalition could lift the country out of a three-year recession, with the opposition Center Party in an early lead over the ruling conservatives whose leader, Prime Minister Alexander Stubb, acknowledged his government was slow to enact economic reforms.

(AP Photo/Lehtikuva via AP)

MATTI HUUHTANEN

Associated Press

HELSINKI (AP) — The opposition Center Party has won Finland's parliamentary election but its new leader faces tough talks on forming a government following the success of the populist, anti-establishment Finns Party that placed ahead of the main government partners, the conservatives and Social Democrats.

Center Party leader Juha Sipila declared victory in Sunday's election and will take on the role of forming the new ruling coalition, saying he would approach the leaders of the three parties on Monday.

"Tomorrow the phones will be ringing, and we'll work out how to take it from there," Sipila said. "Finding trust between the future government parties is the most important factor."

The self-effacing millionaire businessman, who entered politics four years ago, said the main problem in conservative Prime Minister Alexander Stubb's current coalition had been a lack of trust among the ruling parties.

He warned that Finland, in the midst of a three-year recession, was in a "difficult" situation. "It will take 10 years to get Finland back into shape," Sipila told reporters.

Stubb had campaigned on economic issues and acknowledged his government had not made sufficient reforms. He has also advocated spending cuts of 6 billion euros (\$6.5 billion) over the next four years, a proposal strongly opposed by Sipila who says half the amount in cuts would suffice.

Stubb conceded defeat. "It's a fact that the Center Party has won the election," he said. "Now we have to focus ... on how to get Finland back on track to growth."

Finns Party leader, Timo Soini, who vehemently opposes bailouts for ailing eurozone members and advocates kicking Greece out of the euro, dropped out of government formation talks in 2011 because the other parties supported bailouts.

He described his party's

performance on Sunday as a "repeat rumble" of 2011 when they rose from being a tiny political force to become the country's third largest political party, causing a political storm and headache for European countries preparing bailouts for eurozone partners. Soini declined to discuss

whether his party would take part in future government talks.

"We're here in Finland to stay because we are needed," he told shouting and clapping supporters in Helsinki. "Our work has been rewarded; let's reap the benefits."

With all the votes counted,

Sipila's center-right party, which traditionally represents farmers and land owners, won 21 percent of the votes giving it 49 seats in the 200-member Parliament —an increase of 14 from the previous election. It was followed by the Finns Party with 38 seats — one less than in 2011. □

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UN anti-crime commission's future uncertain in Guatemala

SONIA PEREZ

Associated Press

GUATEMALA CITY (AP) —

Even in crime-ridden Guatemala, the headlines were startling: Prosecutors busted a customs bribery ring that likely defrauded the state of millions of dollars, with the current and former Tax Authority chiefs and a top aide to the vice president implicated.

The wiretaps, raids and 20 arrests announced last week were the fruit of a probe by prosecutors and by the U.N. International Commission Against Impunity in Guatemala, which was set up to investigate and prosecute organized crime and its pernicious influence over the government and judicial system. The unprecedented U.N. body's future is uncertain, however. President Otto Perez Molina says he will decide soon whether



U.S. Vice President Joe Biden, left, gestures next to Guatemalan President Otto Perez Molina during a photo opportunity at the National Palace in Guatemala City.

(AP Photo/Moises Castillo)

Guatemala will continue cooperating with the commission or hand its responsibilities over to local law enforcement.

Analysts say it is far from clear Guatemala is ready to tackle corruption on its own and warn that a "no" from Perez Molina could imperil efforts to bolster

the rule of law in a country plagued by endemic graft, gangs and a homicide rate of around 34 per 100,000 inhabitants, one of the highest in the world.

"The institutions still need CICIG," said Guatemalan law professor Alejandro Balcells, using the commission's Spanish initials. "Those who

are against the commission staying are the ones who are upset that real justice could flourish in the country."

The commission has recently received support from influential international voices, including U.S. senators and Vice President Joe Biden, who earlier this year visited Guatemala for talks with Central American leaders about \$1 billion in U.S. aid requested for the region by President Barack Obama.

Perez Molina has said he will not be pressured on the matter and intends to announce a decision this month after he gets a recommendation from a panel named to evaluate the U.N. commission's work. While acknowledging the commission has achieved some results, he suggested its presence cannot be permanent.

"Even if it remained for 10 more years, it is not the commission that will solve the justice situation," Perez Molina told The Associated Press in an interview. "It is us, the Guatemalans, who must see if we truly want to fix our institutions, strengthen them and move forward."

Created in 2007 after Guatemala asked for help in investigating serious crimes, the commission's staff of police and prosecutors from 25 nations has helped bring 161 public officials to trial for corruption, although it hasn't said how many of those were convicted. Its work also has incriminated two directors of the National Police, prompted the firing of hundreds of police officers with links to graft, drug trafficking and extrajudicial killings, and identified 33 criminal organizations operating in Guatemala. □

Cuba holds local vote with a twist: 2 opposition candidates

HAVANA (AP) — Both dissident candidates in Cuba's first local elections since a historic thaw in U.S. relations have conceded de-

feat after preliminary results showed them losing.

Hildebrando Chaviano and Yuniel Lopez had been chosen by a show of hands

in Havana neighborhood nominating meetings and hoped to win two of the 12,589 seats at stake in 168 municipal councils, which

deal with services such as street repair, water supplies and insect fumigation.

After preliminary results showed them losing on Sunday, both conceded defeat.

A win by either would have been symbolically significant but have had little immediate practical implication for the one-party Communist Party system.

Chaviano, 65, is a government attorney-turned-independent journalist and Lopez, 26, is an unemployed member of a dissident political party.

The municipal elections are generally a tranquil affair with heavy turnout and almost no pre-election campaigning beyond biographical sketches posted in a few places.

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mediate practical implication for the Communist Party system.

Municipal assemblies are at the bottom rung of the formal electoral system. They nominate half the candidates for provincial assemblies, which in turn choose half the candidates for the national parliament, which chooses the Council of State, which in turn elects the president. The other half of the candidates to the assemblies are chosen by a government electoral commission.

Chaviano, 65, and Lopez, 26, said they think the government simply was caught off guard by their candidacies. Lopez is an unemployed member of a dissident political party and Chavez is a government attorney-turned-independent journalist. □



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Chef Urvin Announces Festival of Flavors Menu for April

PALM BEACH - Chef Urvin Croes, born and raised in Aruba, graduated from Dutch culinary school and went on to gain experience in Michelin star restaurants in Europe. Coming back to Aruba, Chef Urvin had a dream to open Aruba's first fine dining, modern gourmet cuisine restaurant. With the opening of White Modern Cuisine in 2012, that dream came true, and White Modern Cuisine is now recognized as one of Aruba's best fine dining establishments, having been named Aruba's #1 modern cuisine restaurant and winner of numerous other culinary awards.

The local and international acceptance and enthusiasm for White Modern Cuisine gave Chef Urvin the confidence and inspiration to work towards his next vision.

He talks with passion about the inspiration he found in the typical Aruban and Caribbean dishes he grew up with and how he envisioned bringing these typical tastes to a level of



haute cuisine. So when he was approached by Blue Residences, right across from Eagle Beach, in the summer of 2014, he did not hesitate, opening the now most talked about gourmet restaurant, The Kitchen Table by White.

At The Kitchen Table by White, Chef Urvin is revolutionizing the way vacationers and islanders regard Aruban and Caribbean cuisine. Using a monthly changing, fixed menu concept for the 16 seat restaurant, guests are surprised by elegant and exquisite dishes, with the option to be perfectly paired with a



wide-ranging selection of fine wine.

For the April menu, Chef Urvin tempts us with descriptions of amuse-bouches that give homage to spring; a trio of scrumptious morsels where fresh carrots, locally grown tomatoes and crab each have a starring role and start you off on a magnificent culinary journey.

Hungry for Lion fish or ready to try this delicious fish for the first time? Another highlight on this month's menu is the Lion Fish Chowder, served with a Bavarois of celery. Restaurants that serve Lion fish support vital

conservation efforts; Lion fish is a responsible and sustainable choice in seafood. Back for the third month in a row is the wildly popular Keshi Yena, a very traditional Aruban dish, prepared as only Chef Urvin knows how: surprising, delectable, remarkable. New on the menu are the Lamb Roti, inspired by Indian influences in the Caribbean, made with The Kitchen Table's own Madras curry, and the



Papaya Stoba, a papaya stew with veal. The Papaya Stoba recipe is based on the recipe of the chef's grandmother and in true Chef Urvin's style would not be out-of-place in a Michelin star restaurant. The April dining experience is topped off with a Sunchi Surprise, a Meringue and Key Lime inspired dessert, The Kitchen Table way. For a truly decadent grand finale, Chef Urvin concocted a Chocolate cake served with Salty Caramel and Sweet Potato. He describes in mouthwatering detail of his inspiration in Peru where he was introduced to the

delicacies of sweet potato lollipops dipped in chocolate and caramel.

An evening at The Kitchen Table by White is pure indulgence for all your senses. Chef Urvin and his staff prepare the meal before your eyes, and the restaurant's walls are an ever changing art gallery. Here they showcase a myriad of talented Caribbean artists, which you can enjoy if you can take your eyes off the art on your plate long enough. Open now for less than a year, the restaurant was recently named the #1 Caribbean restaurant on Aruba by USA Today. So, if you are a food connoisseur and appreciate the art of dining or are looking for a Caribbean culinary adventure that is on par with a Michelin star experience, The Kitchen Table is the place for you. The many glowing reviews on TripAdvisor speak for themselves.

The concept of The Kitchen Table is based on one seating, fixed menu per night. All guests are requested to join at 7 PM for a sunset cocktail on the restaurant's deck. Seating at The Kitchen Table by White is limited, with only 14 reservations accepted nightly. Make your reservations early, online via reservations@ktbywhite.com, by phone 528-7015 or through the concierge at your resort. For reservations at White Modern Cuisine please call 586-1190. Truly, for food connoisseurs, these restaurants are a must-do while on Aruba.□

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Wonders Boutique Hotel hosting Danilo Geerman's one-night-only evening of art on Friday, April, 24

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project for local Danilo Geerman this coming June.

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There is an exclusive discount on several of Danilo's works of art, which include oil on canvas paintings, lino-cut prints, drawings and ceramic objects, their price ranges accommodating everyone's budget. Danilo Geerman, who has an impressive re-

sumé with expositions dating back to 1986, is one of four selected international artists to attend an art residency at Jiwar Arte y Creacion in Barcelona, Spain. During two months artists will work, learn, share and grow together with fellow artists from different countries and from Barcelona. In this culturally rich and inspiring artistic environment Danilo will exhibit his new creations made during this residency, give lectures and teaching workshops. Of course he will surely take advantage of this ex-



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NBA Playoffs Opening Weekend Full of Action

Boston Celtics' Brandon Bass, right, shoots on Cleveland Cavaliers' Timofey Mozgov, from Russia, in the first half of a first round NBA playoff basketball game Sunday, April 19, 2015, in Cleveland.

(AP Photo/Tony Dejak)

CAVALIERS 113, CELTICS 100

CLEVELAND (AP) — Kyrie Irving scored 30 points in his playoff debut and LeBron James added 20 in his

first postseason game with Cleveland in five years as the Cavaliers opened a run toward an NBA title with a 113-100 victory over the Boston Celtics on Sunday.

Irving made five 3-pointers and Kevin Love, another postseason rookie, had 19 points and 12 rebounds. It was Cleveland's first home playoff game since

May 11, 2010, when the Celtics won Game 5 and James left the floor to some boos from Cavaliers fans. He departed for Miami two months later, but he's

home now, all is forgiven and Cleveland is aiming to end a championship drought dating to 1964.

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MLB Roundup:

Streaking Mets hold off Marlins for eighth consecutive win

The Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Matt Harvey won his third straight start to begin his comeback season as the New York Mets, despite losing two important players to injuries, held off the Miami

second for his sixth save. Already missing captain David Wright (hamstring) and right-hander Zack Wheeler (elbow surgery), the Mets matched the best start in franchise history at 10-3 and won their first sev-

Kansas City reliever Kelvin Herrera was tossed in the eighth after throwing behind Brett Lawrie.

Bench coach Don Wakamatsu, who was acting as manager after Yost's ejection, also ejected along

Davis struck out two in a perfect ninth for his second save.

TIGERS 9, WHITE SOX 1

DETROIT (AP) — Yoenis Cespedes hit his first major league grand slam and had a two-run homer as Detroit improved to 10-2, the best start in the major leagues.

Shane Greene (3-0) allowed his first earned run of the season when an RBI triple by Jose Abreu skipped past right fielder J.D. Martinez. Greene gave up five hits and four walks in seven innings.

Cespedes is 6 for 8 with four homers against Jose Quintana (1-1), who allowed nine runs and 10 hits in four-plus innings.

YANKEES 5, RAYS 3

ST. PETERSBURG, Florida (AP) — Chase Headley and Mark Teixeira drove in two runs each for New York, which completed a three-game sweep.

Michael Pineda (2-0) allowed three runs and seven hits in 5 2-3 innings to defeat Matt Andriese (0-1). After Ryan Brett doubled leading off the ninth for his first big league hitter, Andrew Miller struck out three straight batters for his fourth save. New York (6-6) reached .500 for the first time since it was 1-1.

Steven Souza Jr. homered and drove in three runs for the Rays.

ORIOLES 8, RED SOX 3

BOSTON (AP) — Adam Jones went 4 for 5 with a three-run double and two

run homer to match his career high with five RBIs.

Ryan Flaherty added a solo homer and Jimmy Paredes three singles for the Orioles, who won for the second straight day after losing the series opener.

Hanley Ramirez hit a three-run homer, and Miguel Gonzalez (2-1) allowed three runs and five hits in five innings. Rick Porcello (1-2) gave up eight runs and 12 hits in five innings. Boston's David Ortiz was ejected after third base umpire Jerry Meals called a swing on an attempted check swing.

BRAVES 5, BLUE JAYS 2

TORONTO (AP) — Jonny Gomes hit a three-run double in the first inning off rookie Daniel Norris (1-1) and added a sacrifice fly as the Braves took two of three games from Toronto. Shelby Miller (2-0) gave up two runs and five hits in six innings, raising his ERA from 0.90 to 1.69. Jason Grilli got three outs to remain perfect in six save chances.

PIRATES 5, BREWERS 2

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Gerrit Cole (2-0) improved to 9-1 in his last 10 decisions at PNC Park, and has won six straight decisions overall. He gave up two runs and struck out six in six innings. Pedro Alvarez homered for the Pirates, and Mark Melancon worked the ninth for his second save.

Milwaukee lost its fifth straight game and fell to 2-10, the poorest record in the majors and the worst start in franchise history. □



New York Mets Ruben Tejada hits a three-run double off of Miami Marlins starting pitcher Tom Koehler in the fourth inning of a baseball game at Citi Field on Sunday, April 19, 2015, in New York. (AP Photo/Kathy Kmonicek)

Marlins 7-6 Sunday for their eighth consecutive victory. Ruben Tejada had a three-run double and catcher Travis d'Arnaud singled twice in a seven-run fourth inning. But it was a costly win for the Mets, who lost d'Arnaud to a broken right hand and reliever Jerry Blevins to a fractured forearm.

After the Marlins trimmed a six-run deficit, Jeurys Familia retired Christian Yelich and Giancarlo Stanton on grounders with a runner at

en home games for the first time.

ROYALS 4, ATHLETICS 2

KANSAS CITY, Missouri (AP) — The Royals overcame five ejections and won with Kendrys Morales' tiebreaking, two-run double off Eric O'Flaherty (0-1) in a three-run eighth inning.

Royals manager Ned Yost and pitching coach Dave Eiland were ejected in the first inning after Lorenzo Cain was hit by a Scott Kazmir pitch.

with injured Royals shortstop Alcides Escobar.

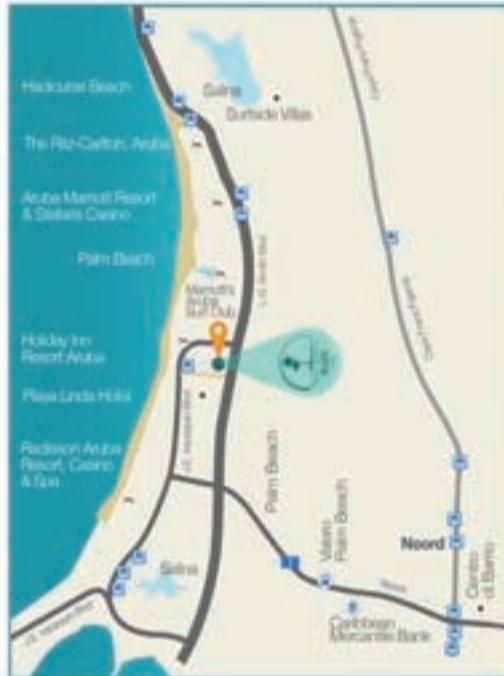
Royals right-hander Yordano Ventura was ejected Saturday when he hit Lawrie with a pitch after Josh Reddick's homer.

Lawrie's hard slide into Escobar injured the left knee of the Kansas City shortstop on Friday and caused benches to clear. Escobar called it a "dirty slide" and did not play Saturday. Franklin Morales (1-0) threw two pitches, retiring Brett Lawrie on a popout. Wade



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NBA PLAYOFFS

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Isaiah Thomas scored 22 points to lead the seventh-seeded Celtics. They will try to even the best-of-7 series in Game 2 on Tuesday night.

The Cavs built a 20-point lead in the third quarter, let the Celtics get as close as six and then finished the quarter with a 9-0 run — capped by a 3-pointer by James Jones — to take a 15-point lead. Boston climbed within 10, but Love made a crucial 3-pointer with 3:32 left to slow Boston.

HAWKS 99, NETS 92

ATLANTA (AP) — Kyle Korver scored 21 points, including five 3-pointers, as the top-seeded Atlanta Hawks held off the Brooklyn Nets 99-92 in Game 1 of the Eastern Conference playoff series.

The Hawks led nearly the entire game and pushed the margin as high as 16 points, but the Nets kept coming back. Finally, Jeff Teague dropped in a floater coming off the left wing, giving Atlanta a 95-89



Houston Rockets' James Harden (13) scores over Dallas Mavericks' Monta Ellis (11) during the second half of game 1 in the first round of the NBA basketball playoffs Saturday, April 18, 2015, in Houston.

lead. Joe Johnson missed a 3-pointer from the corner for Brooklyn, and Teague made a pair of free throws with just under a minute re-

(AP Photo/David J. Phillip)

maining to essentially seal it. Teague and DeMarre Carroll scored 17 points apiece.

Eighth-seeded Brooklyn finished 22 games behind the Hawks and slipped into the playoffs on the final day. But, with Johnson and Brook Lopez each scoring 17 points, they didn't look overmatched by a team that won the season series 4-0 and earned a No. 1 seed for the first time since 1994.

Game 2 is Wednesday night in Atlanta.

ROCKETS 118, MAVERICKS 108

HOUSTON (AP) — James Harden had 24 points and Corey Brewer scored 13 of his 15 points in the fourth quarter to lead Houston past Dallas in Game 1 of the Western Conference series.

Brewer made three 3-pointers in about 3 minutes in the fourth to keep the Mavericks at bay. He added another three points when he made a layup and a free throw to give Houston a 109-95 lead with 3 minutes left.

Houston won the opener in the best-of-seven series after losing both home games last season in a first-round loss to Portland.

Game 2 is Tuesday night in Houston.

Dirk Nowitzki had 24 points for the Mavericks. They are in the playoffs for the 14th time in the last 15 seasons.

BULLS 103, BUCKS 91

CHICAGO (AP) — Derrick Rose had 23 points and seven assists in his first postseason game in three years, Jimmy Butler scored 25 points, and the Chicago Bulls opened the playoffs with a 103-91 victory over the Milwaukee Bucks on Saturday night.

Rose was at his fearless best, driving hard to the rim in the early going, and mixed in three 3-pointers in the second half.

The Bulls believe they are poised to make a run now that they finally have Rose playing in the postseason. The last time they had him for the duration of the playoffs in 2011, he led them to the Eastern Conference finals.

The Bulls won despite committing 19 turnovers. They outrebounded Milwaukee 52-41, with Pau Gasol grabbing 13 and Joakim Noah and rookie Nikola Mirotic 11 apiece. □

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Tavares' overtime goal lifts Islanders over Capitals



New York Islanders center John Tavares (91) makes his game-winning goal in overtime of Game 3 of the team's NHL playoff series against the Washington Capitals at Nassau Coliseum in Uniondale, N.Y., April 19, 2015. The Islanders won 2-1. (Chang W. Lee/The New York Times)

ALLAN KREDA

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UNIONDALE, N.Y. - The chants of "Let's go, Islanders" that reverberated through the 43-year-old Nassau Coliseum on Sunday before the New York Islanders took the ice to warm up

were merely a preview of the jubilation ahead.

After a frenetic 60 minutes in Game 3 of the Islanders' opening-round series against the Washington Capitals, the captain John Tavares required just 15 seconds of overtime to send his

team's faithful spilling happily into the sun-splashed parking lots. The 2-1 victory, which gave the Islanders a two-games-to-one lead in the best-of-seven series, was the team's first post-season overtime win since 1993.

The teams are scheduled to return to the Coliseum for Game 4 of the Eastern Conference series Tuesday night.

A raucous celebration followed the quick goal by Tavares, who was the top overall pick by the Islanders in 2009 and has carried the team on many occasions over the past six seasons. Tavares was mobbed as a wave of noise enveloped an ebullient tangle of Islanders.

"I didn't have much room, so I was just hoping it would get through, and it did," Tavares said of the winning goal. "It was a battle, and we were able to get it in." The Islanders knew it would not be easy to contend with the NHL's leading goal scorer, Alex Ovechkin, who ignited the Capitals' comeback from a 3-1 deficit in Game 2 on Friday at Verizon Center.

But the Islanders had their boisterous and dedicated

followers behind them, and the game's especially brisk pace was a textbook example of how playoff hockey is unique.

Kyle Okposo opened the scoring at 12 minutes, 37 seconds of the second period, prompting an eruption of orange towels waving in the crowd, announced at a sold-out 16,170.

Okposo's goal was almost all the Islanders needed, but at 13:54 of the third period, the Capitals' Nicklas Backstrom finally solved Jaroslav Halak to tie the game with his second goal of the series. Mike Green and Joel Ward assisted.

"After they scored that goal to tie it up, we got back to playing on our toes and just wanted to continue to do that," said Okposo, who has been a force in this series after having missed 22 games with a detached retina after the All-Star break. "We were confident we were going to win the game." □

Jim Furyk tops Kevin Kisner in playoff to win RBC Heritage



Jim Furyk reacts after his winning putt on the 17th hole against Kevin Kisner during the playoff of the RBC Heritage golf tournament in Hilton Head Island, S.C., Sunday, April 19, 2015.

(AP Photo/Stephen B. Morton)

PETE IACOBELLI
AP Sports Writer

HILTON HEAD ISLAND, S.C. (AP) — Jim Furyk had gone 100 starts without winning, a stretch that gnawed at

his psyche and challenged his confidence.

That all disappeared in uncharacteristic fashion Sunday when he won his first PGA Tour title in five years

with birdies on both playoff holes to outlast Kevin Kisner at the RBC Heritage. When the winning putt fell on the par-3 17th, the typically reserved Furyk dropped his putter and punched the air.

"I think getting excited on 17 there was a lot of pent-up frustrations," he said. Furyk won for the second time at RBC Heritage, the other coming in 2010 in what turned out to be the best year of his career. He won two other events, including the Tour Championship, and captured the \$10 million FedEx Cup.

Furyk won the 2003 U.S. Open and entered this tournament ranked 10th in the world, but he has struggled to close out events. He was 0-of-9 when leading tournaments after three rounds since that Tour Championship victory. He is 44 and always believed he'd win again.

"But I was starting to feel like this game is beating me up, and the losing hurts a lot more than winning feels good," he said. "I think I just forgot how good" it feels to win.

With that came a \$1.062 million payday. For Kisner, it was his best finish on the PGA Tour.

Furyk led by a stroke when Kisner birdied the 72nd

hole to force the playoff, the fourth in the last six tournaments at Harbour Town Golf Links. On the first extra hole, Kisner rolled in a second straight birdie putt on the 18th. But Furyk answered with a birdie to keep the playoff going. After Kisner missed his birdie try on No. 17, Furyk sank a 12-foot putt for his 17th career PGA Tour victory.

Furyk shot a 63 and Kisner a 64, leaving them both at

18-under 266. Third-round leader Troy Merritt was at 16 under after a 69. It was an odd tournament for Furyk.

He looked as if he'd get left behind early, making 18 pars in the first round to fall five shots back. Furyk found his game Friday with eight birdies on the way to a 64. He had a 68 Saturday, yet knew he needed to fire himself as he did Friday to have a chance. □



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Sei Young Kim eagles to win in Hawaii

ANN MILLER
Associated Press

KAPOLEI, Hawaii (AP) — Sei Young Kim holed out from 154 yards for eagle to win the LPGA Tour's Lotte Championship on the first hole of a playoff Saturday with Inbee Park.

"This is probably the second most memorable shot for me," Kim said through a translator. "In 2013, I won a tournament, which had the biggest prize money on KLPGA. I won that tournament by making a hole-in-one on 17, so that was probably my most memorable shot. Sorry."

Her third most memorable shot might have come on the 18th in regulation.

Moments after sinking a sneaky par putt on 17 to

stay even with Park, Kim hit her drive into the water.

"I saw the ball go into the hazard and I thought, 'What have I done to deserve this fate?'" Kim said. "Then the gift came right back after that. I still can't believe what just happened."

Kim's approach shot in regulation barely cleared the water, but stayed in the fringe fronting the green. After Park hit a brilliant lag putt to inches for a par to stay at 11 under, Kim chipped in from 18 feet to force the playoff.

She held both hands high, stared into the sky and grinned for the first time after 5 hours of immense pressure, slapping hands with her caddie.

"I just focused on getting it to the hole because that was my only chance," Kim recalled as she was interviewed on TV — so excited that for the first time all week she spoke to the media in English.

In the playoff, staring into the setting sun at breezy Ko Olina, Kim hit an approach that barely got over the water again, then bounced twice and dropped into the hole for eagle.

"I was thinking I was between a 7- or 8-iron," Kim said. Kim couldn't see the ball go in and neither could Park, but the roar from the crowd made it obvious. Park's attempt to match Kim's shot, and win her 14th LPGA title, came up short.

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Djokovic beats Berdych in Monte Carlo Masters final



Novak Djokovic of Serbia plays a return to Tomas Berdych of Czech Republic during their final match of the Monte Carlo Tennis Masters tournament in Monaco, Sunday, April 19, 2015.

(AP Photo/Claude Paris)

SAMUEL PETREQUIN
AP Sports Writer

MONACO (AP) — Even when Novak Djokovic doesn't play very well, he manages to win titles.

Despite hitting 38 unforced errors in a back-and forth match, the top-ranked Serb won the first big clay-court tournament of the season with a 7-5, 4-6, 6-3

win over Tomas Berdych in the final of the Monte Carlo Masters.

It was Djokovic's second triumph in three years in the principality, where he

lives with his wife and kid, and his 11th straight win in a final.

"In the end, I'm sitting here with this trophy that is very special to me, of course," the Australian Open champion said. "This is what matters. Sometimes winning ugly is necessary. It's been a remarkable start of the season for me."

Djokovic, who has lost only two matches in 2015, became the first player in tennis history to win the first three Masters tournament of the year after completing the Indian Wells-Miami sweep this spring.

"The fact that now I won three Masters in a row, that nobody ever has done that ... that has given me, even this week, more motivation," he said.

With his 23rd Masters title, Djokovic extended his winning streak to 17 matches, including a straight-set win over clay specialist Rafael

Nadal in the semifinals on Saturday.

Djokovic's next big goal is to win the French Open, the only major tournament missing from his collection. Although he tamed Nadal for the second time in three years at the Country Club this week, the nine-time French Open champion stopped him at Roland Garros over the past three years.

"I think the most important period of the year is coming up right now," Djokovic said. "Obviously Roland Garros and Wimbledon are the priority. That's where I want to perform my best. But we'll take it step by step and see how far I can go."

In windy and humid conditions, both players struggled with their serve and made several unforced errors in a final that lacked rhythm and was suspended by rain. □

Serena Williams at Fed Cup: 'Today was a big eye opener'

ANDREW DAMPF
AP Sports Writer

BRINDISI, Italy (AP) — Serena Williams thought she was ready for the clay-court season.

As it turns out, the top-ranked player still has a long way to go toward finding the form that could propel her to a 20th Grand Slam title at the French Open.

"Today has been a big eye opener," Williams said

after coming back from a set down to post a windy, error-filled 4-6, 7-6 (3), 6-3 win over Sara Errani on Sunday in a Fed Cup playoff against Italy.

Brindisi-born Flavia Pennetta then routed 65th-ranked Christina McHale 6-1, 6-1 and Pennetta and Errani beat Williams and Alison Riske 6-0, 6-3 in the decisive doubles match to give Italy a 3-2 win.

"I need to go home and

really train," Williams said. "I'm totally not as ready for clay-court season as I thought I was. ... Next time I'll be really, really ready and I'll know what to expect. Now I'm in the mindset of, 'You know what, I'm not on hard court.' I'm playing like I'm on hard court and I'm not. So I have to play and be ready to hit a thousand shots if necessary."

Williams also won her opening singles match Saturday but the U.S. sorely missed her sister Venus Williams, who withdrew from the U.S. team due to a personal matter. Also missing was rising star Madison Keys, who declined an invitation from U.S. captain Mary Joe Fernandez.

"Everybody that could be here was here," Fernandez said.

Italy returns to the World Group and can compete for the Fed Cup trophy next year while the U.S. is relegated to World Group II. It was Williams' first career loss in the Fed Cup, dropping to 16-1 — 13-0 in singles and 3-1 in doubles.



Serena Williams of United States returns the ball to Italy's Sara Errani during a Fed Cup World Group playoff tennis match in Brindisi, Italy, Sunday, April 19, 2015. (AP Photo/Felice Calabro')

Errani and Pennetta celebrated by throwing water at each other and captain

Corrado Barazzutti, and dancing on the red clay court. □

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European Roundup:

Villa beats Liverpool to secure FA Cup final against Arsenal

LONDON (AP) — There will be a first in world soccer's oldest competition next month — an FA Cup final contested by two American-owned clubs.

Randy Lerner's Aston Villa beat Liverpool on Sunday to book a return trip to Wembley for the showpiece match against Stan Kroenke's Arsenal.

For Liverpool, whose principal owner is Boston-based John Henry, the semifinal loss was another low point in a season that will end trophyless. The final Champions League qualification spot appears increasingly unobtainable, with Manchester City consolidating fourth place with a victory over West Ham on Sunday. Here's a look at the action from Europe's main leagues on Sunday:

ENGLAND

There will be no perfect ending at Wembley for Liverpool captain Steven Gerrard. Villa's 2-1 victory means the Los Angeles-bound midfielder won't have a chance to end his Liverpool career with a trophy on his 35th birthday in the May 30 FA Cup final.

Philippe Coutinho put Liverpool ahead 30 minutes into the semifinal. But in-form striker Christian Benteke leveled for Villa six minutes later after a cutback from captain Fabian Delph. Villa took the lead at the start of the second half when Delph started and finished a swift move that involved smart passes from Benteke and the impressive Jack Grealish.

In the Premier League, defending champion Man City ended a two-game losing streak with a 2-0 victory over West Ham.

West Ham's James Collins accidentally lobbed his

own goalkeeper, Adrian, after an attempted interception went wrong. The second goal was slicker with Sergio Aguero exchanging passes with Jesus Navas before netting his 20th league goal of the season.

Tottenham striker Harry Kane joined Aguero at the top of the league scoring leaderboard by completing a 3-1 victory for his sixth-placed team at Newcastle. The 21-year-old Kane is the first Tottenham player since Gary Lineker in 1992 to reach 30 goals in all competitions in one season.

ITALY

Roma failed to make the most of Lazio's defeat as it was held 1-1 at home by relegation-threatened Atalanta in Serie A.

Roma only moved level on points with second-placed city rival Lazio, while Inter Milan drew 0-0 against AC Milan in a heated derby match.



AC Milan's Nigel de Jong, right, kicks the ball as Inter Milan's Danilo D'Ambrosio tries to stop him during the Serie A soccer match between Inter Milan and AC Milan at the San Siro stadium in Milan, Italy, Sunday, April 19, 2015. (AP Photo/Antonio Calanni)

Francesco Totti gave Roma the lead from the spot in the third minute, but Atalanta leveled with a penalty of its own and Roma couldn't convert its pressure into genuine scor-

ing opportunities. Napoli gave itself hope of sneaking into the final Champions League place by cruising to a 3-0 win at Cagliari later to close the gap to Roma to five points.

The two Milan teams remained mired in mid-table after an entertaining match which saw three goals disallowed and a strong penalty claim by Inter denied. □

Brazilian Roundup:

Palmeiras beats Corinthians on penalties, reaches final

TALES AZZONI

AP Sports Writer

SAO PAULO (AP) — Goalkeeper Fernando Prass saved two penalties as Palmeiras defeated rival Corinthians 6-5 in a shootout Sunday to reach the final of the Sao Paulo state championship.

Prass came up big in the shootout after the teams drew 2-2 in the semifinal. It will be Palmeiras' first final in the traditional regional tournament since it won the competition in 2008. Corinthians, who had the competition's best campaign, was trying to return to the final again after win-

ning the title in 2013. Palmeiras will play either Santos or Sao Paulo, who meet later Sunday in Santos.

In the Rio de Janeiro state championship, Vasco da Gama defeated Flamengo 1-0 at the Maracana Stadium to reach the final against Botafogo, which eliminated Fluminense on Saturday 9-8 on penalties. Elias had a chance to win the shootout for Corinthians, but the Brazil midfielder's spot kick was stopped by Prass. The goalkeeper later also saved Petro's shot, sealing Palmeiras' victory in front of nearly

40,000 rival fans at the Itaquera stadium. Palmeiras made every penalty after Robinho sent his shot over the crossbar in the team's first attempt.

"It was a huge victory," Prass said. "We are through, now it's time to start thinking about the final."

Defender Victor Ramos opened the scoring in the 13th minute, but Corinthians rallied with goals by Danilo in the 34th and Colombian forward Stiven Mendoza in the 44th. Palmeiras' equalizer came with a header by striker Rafael Marques in the 75th.

"Gladly the ball went in and kept us alive to decide the match in the shootout," Marques said. Palmeiras, led by Chilean playmaker Jorge Valdivia, was without injured World Cup veteran left back Ze Roberto, while Corinthians' Peru striker Paolo Guerrero was nursing dengue fever. In Rio, Vasco da Gama defeated Flamengo with a penalty kick converted by Gilberto in the 62nd minute. The teams had drawn 0-0 in the first leg last week. Vasco da Gama was runner-up to Flamengo in last year's final. Botafogo won the tournament in 2013. □

World finance leaders see threats ahead for global economy

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The world's financial leaders see a number of threats facing a global economy still on an uneven road to recovery with U.S. and European officials worrying that Greece will default on its debt.

The finance ministers and central bank governors ended three days of meetings in Washington determined to work toward "a more robust, balanced and job-rich economy" while admitting there are risks in reaching that objective, the steering committee of the International

Monetary Fund said in its communique Saturday. Seeking to resolve Athens' debt crisis, Greek Finance Minister Yanis Varoufakis held a series of talks with other finance officials on the sidelines of the meetings. The focus now shifts to Riga, Latvia, where European Union finance ministers meet next week. The head of the European Central Bank, Mario Draghi, said it was "urgent" to resolve the current dispute between Greece and its creditors. He said that while the international finance system had been strengthened since the 2008 crisis, a Greek default would still

put the global economy into "unchartered waters" with its effect hard to estimate.

Draghi told reporters he did not want to even contemplate the chance of a Greek default on its debt. But French Finance Minister Michel Sapin said he thought any damage would be confined to Greece because euro zone countries had established measures to protect themselves from any spill-over effects. Seeking to assure financial markets, which fluctuated considerably on Friday over the possibility of a Greek default, Sapin said

nothing had changed on the issue as a result of the weekend meetings. He said it was up to the Greek government to present credible, assessable solutions to its economic problems. "The solution to the Greek debt crisis is in Greece," he said. The head of the IMF, Christine Lagarde, who had rejected suggestions that the IMF might delay Greek debt repayments, said she had constructive talks with Varoufakis and that the objective remained the same: to restore stability for Greek finances and assure an economic recovery.

Greece is negotiating with the IMF and European authorities to receive the final 7.2 billion euro (\$7.8 billion) installment of its financial bailout. Creditors are demanding that Greece produce a credible overhaul before releasing the money. The country has relied on international loans since 2010. Without more bailout money Greece could miss payments due to the IMF in May and run out of cash to pay salaries and pensions. The negotiations over Greece's debt have proved contentious, but all sides have expressed optimism that the differences can be resolved. □

The Upshot: Why Americans Don't Want to Soak the Rich

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With rising income inequality in the United States, you might expect more and more people to conclude that it's time to soak the rich. Here's a puzzle, though: Over the last several decades, close to the opposite has happened. Since the 1970s, middle-class incomes have been stagnant in inflation-adjusted terms, while the wealthy have done very well; inequality of wealth and income has risen.

Over that same period, though, Americans' views on whether the government should work to redistribute income - to tax the rich, for example, and funnel the proceeds to the poor and working class - have, depending on which survey answers you look at, either been little changed, or shifted toward greater skepticism about redistribution.

In other words, Americans' desire to soak the rich has diminished even as the rich have more wealth available that could, theoretically, be soaked.

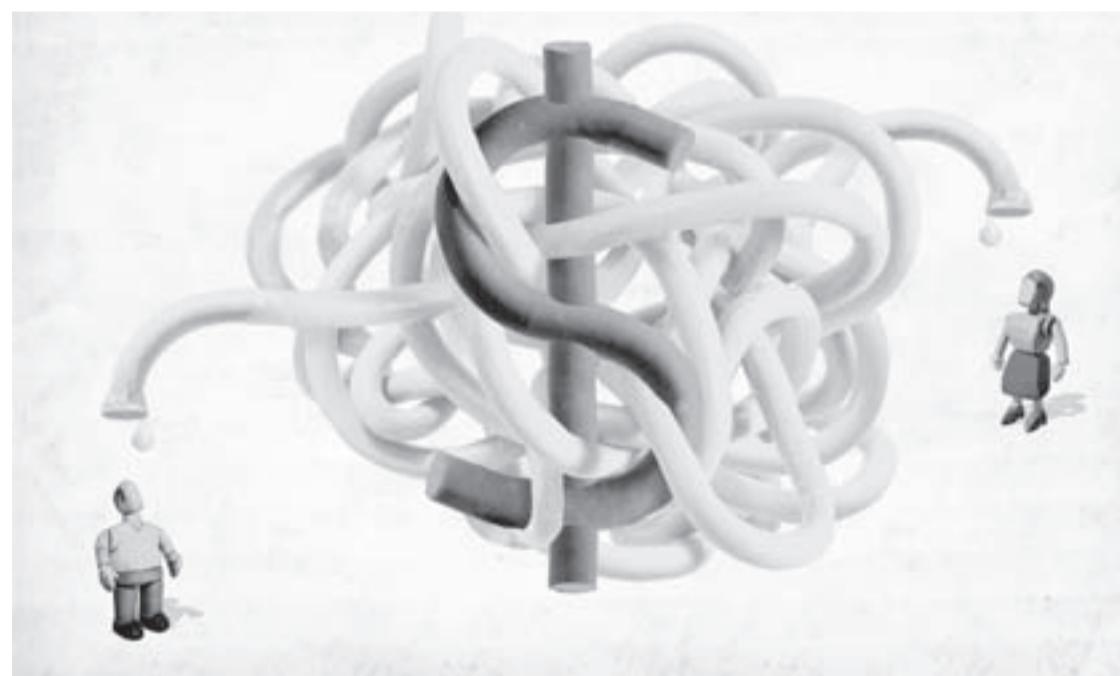
It's not just public opinion polls, either. It shows up in the actual policies espoused by candidates for office and enacted by Congress. In 1980, the highest earning Americans faced a 70 percent tax on

every dollar they earned beyond \$215,400 for a married couple, for example, the equivalent of \$544,000 today.

Over the last decade, by contrast, the top marginal rate has ranged between 35 percent (which Presi-

clashes around the world and throughout history. Yet in American politics in recent years, it has manifested itself in a narrow, partisan debate over whether the top marginal income tax rate should be 35 percent or 39.6 percent.

generous social spending that prevailed in the middle decades of the 20th century came at a high economic cost, and that low taxes on the rich encouraged greater investment and entrepreneurship, spurring faster economic growth



How you make sense of this seeming paradox of rising inequality and flat or declining support for redistribution depends on your ideological assumptions. (Richard Borge/The New York Times)

dent George W. Bush secured in 2003) and 39.6 percent (which President Barack Obama advocated and which took effect in 2013).

This core question - How much should the government use its power to tax and spend to redistribute wealth in pursuit of a more equal society? - has been at the root of ideological

How you make sense of this seeming paradox of rising inequality and flat or declining support for redistribution depends on your ideological assumptions.

If you're conservative, a compelling answer might be this: Americans are seeking less redistribution because they have come to their senses. They realized the very high tax rates and

that ultimately made everybody better off. If you're a liberal, the answer might be more like this: Americans have been hoodwinked by conservative politicians and media outlets, and have come to view redistribution as a dirty word because they don't recognize the ways it benefits them. This barrage of misinformation has led

them to view any redistributive efforts as welfare that goes to somebody else, particularly to someone with a different color skin. New research offers a bit more evidence on what may be occurring. It doesn't disprove either the conventional liberal or conservative argument. But it does show some of the ways that Americans' attitudes toward redistribution are more complex than either would suggest.

A National Bureau of Economic Research working paper by Jimmy Charité, Raymond Fisman and Illyana Kuziemko tackled this with an online experiment in which a random sampling of Americans were asked what tax rate they thought appropriate for someone whose annual income had suddenly increased by \$250,000 for reasons involving luck. The researchers asked the question twice. In one version, the income gain occurred in the current year; in the other, it happened five years ago. Surprisingly, the respondents favored a 1.7 percentage point higher tax rate if the person with the income gain had recently started earning the extra money than if the person had been earning it for five years. □

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Making Sense of Water



MARK BITTMAN

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BERKELEY, Calif. - Almost every number used to analyze California's drought can be debated, but this can be safely said: No level of restrictions on residential use can solve the problem. The solution lies with agriculture, which consumes more than its fair share.

That doesn't mean homeowners can't and shouldn't cut back. But according to estimates by the Public Policy Institute of California, more water was used to grow almonds in 2013 than was used by all homes and businesses in San Francisco and Los Angeles put together. Even worse, most of those almonds are then exported - which means, effectively, that we are exporting water. Unless you're the person or company making money off this deal, that's just nuts.

California produces more than 400 commodities in many different climates, so it's difficult to generalize about agriculture. Many farmers are cutting back on water use, planting geographically appropriate crops and shifting to techniques that make sense, like "dry" farming. Others, however, are mining water as they would copper: When it runs out, they'll find new ways to make money.

So the big question is not, "How do we survive the drought?" - which could well be the new normal - but, "How do we allocate water sensibly?"

California grows fruits and vegetables for everyone; that's a good thing. It would be an even better thing, however, if some of that production shifted to places like Iowa, once a leading grower of produce. That could happen again, if federal policy subsidized such crops, rather than corn, on some of that ultra-fertile land.

California also grows alfalfa (which uses more water in total than any other crop - yes, more than almonds) that then gets shipped to China. It grows lettuce in the desert, and other crops in places that make no sense. The state has also become the biggest dairy producer in the country; at least a part of that industry would work better back east, where both water and land are available.

That everyone in California needs to conserve water is a no-brainer. But a relatively small adjustment in agricultural use could make this drought look like a period of abundance. Properly

managed, there is more than enough water for everything important. Improperly managed, as it has been for more than 100 years, there is a crisis.

It won't be easy to rationalize water use in the face of powerful water-dependent interests; though agriculture is a surprisingly minuscule part of the state's gross domestic product, it's a big political force. But Gov. Jerry Brown and the State Water Resources Control Board have the authority to do what it takes, as the constitution says "waste or unreasonable use" are to be prevented.

The system is arcane, allowing some people and entities to get surface water nearly free. (This system, involving "senior," as in inherited, water rights, has never been successfully challenged.) Others, sometimes including cities, can pay 100 times more. In most areas, groundwater for landowners is "free," as long as you can dig a well that's deep enough. This has led to a race to the bottom: New, super-deep wells, usually drilled at great expense, are causing existing shallower wells, often owned by people with less money, to run dry.

That's more than unfair: Groundwater that's built up over a millennium is being removed too rapidly to be recharged, and in some cases the land is sinking as the water-saturated layers beneath it go dry. Those layers will most likely never be replenished, making this a form of environmental suicide.

Knowing this, Brown has announced mandatory cutbacks of an average of 25 percent in residential water use. He hasn't said much about agriculture, but he must. He needs to see this crisis as an opportunity to rationalize the system. Last September, Brown signed the state's first bill to manage groundwater; the most important groundwater basins are due to be "in balance" - that is, recharged at a sustainable rate - by 2040. That's probably too late.

It would be better to have a national policy preventing profit-making from public water and to encourage agriculture where it's more naturally supported by the climate. But until that happens, Brown should challenge senior water rights, strictly regulate the pumping of groundwater, and perhaps even stop irrigation entirely on lands where growing water-intensive crops makes no sense.

When I arrived here a few months ago, an old friend who moved here in the 1980s came for dinner and scolded me for my dishwashing technique: "Turn that water off; there's a drought."

I almost pointed that my use of water was trivial compared with ... well, nearly everyone else's. But I shut up. After all, every drop really does count. Wise use and conservation - not new dams, not desalination - are the answers, and conservation means common sense should take precedence over profiteering. □



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Walter Scott Is Not on Trial



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I not only watched television pundits discuss the shooting of Walter Scott in North Charleston, South Carolina, two weeks ago, I participated in some of those discussions.

And the most disturbing thread that emerged for me was people who said up front that they saw no justification for Scott being killed, but nevertheless stalked around for a back door that would allow them to surreptitiously blame the victim for his own death. Some formulation of "if only he hadn't run ..." was the way this dark door was eased open.

I find it particularly disturbing the way that we try to find excuses for killings, the way that we seek to deprecate a person when they have been killed rather than insisting that they deserved to remain among the living.

For me, there is only one issue in the Walter Scott case: He is dead, and that cannot be undone. And not only was he killed, but he was killed in a most dishonorable way: shot in the back as he fled. So, for me there is only one question: Should the dead man be dead? Is there anything, under U.S. jurisprudence and universal moral law, that justifies the taking of this man's life?

All else wanders into the weeds. The judicial system could have easily dealt with any misdeed Scott is accused of - failure to

pay child support, failure to present proper documentation for a car he was driving, resisting arrest, fleeing - and none of those offenses, if he were found guilty of any or all, would have carried the death sentence. Unfortunately, police officers encounter lawbreakers on a regular basis. Unfortunately, some resist arrest. Some flee. These are simply occupational conditions of being an officer - an admittedly tough job that few of us would sign up to do. But none of those offenses grant a license to gun a man down.

A life is the most precious, most valuable thing in creation. It cannot be casually ended. It cannot be callously taken. It must always be honored and protected, and the person living it needn't be perfect; he or she is human.

The bar of justification of extrajudicial killings is high, and necessarily so, even among suspects accused of crimes. Killing sanctioned by courts in the form of executions are problematic enough, as evidenced by recent exonerations of men who spent decades on death row. How much more problematic could killings be of people who don't live to get a trial?

It is tragic to somehow try to falsely equate what appear to be bad decisions made by Scott and those made by the officer who killed him. There is no moral equivalency between running and killing, and anyone who argues this obdurate absurdity reveals a deficiency in their own humanity. Death is not the appropriate punishment for disobedience. Being entrusted with power does not shield imprudent use of power. And one of the saddest and most frustrating features of our current debate about police use of force, in communities of color in particular, is the degree to which justice itself has been absorbed into the ideological struggle in this country.

Social justice, equal treatment and violence exerted by struc-

tures of power against a vulnerable population shouldn't become a sprocket in our political machines. This is about right and wrong, not right and left.

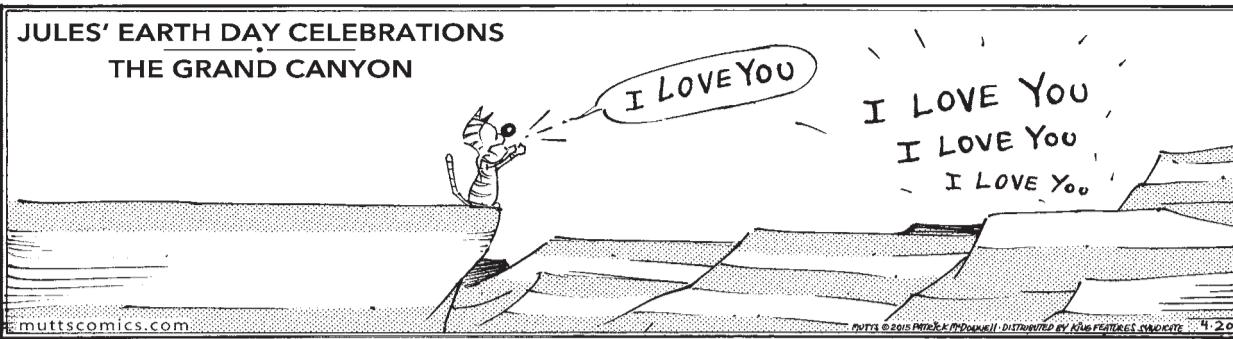
Neither should we have such widely differing racial perceptions about whether use of force is appropriate and to what degree. For instance, as The Associated Press reported last week: "Seven of 10 whites polled, or 70 percent, said they can imagine a situation in which they would approve of a police officer striking a man. Most blacks and Hispanics did not agree."

The article continued: "The poll results don't surprise experts on American attitudes toward police, who say experiences and history with law enforcement shape opinions about the use of violence by officers."

Furthermore, we as a nation simply must do a better job of collecting data about these kinds of cases so that we can all discuss them from a point of mutually accepted fact rather than as an outgrowth of tribal narratives.

As the FBI Director James B. Comey lamented in February: "How can we address concerns about 'use of force,' how can we address concerns about officer-involved shootings if we do not have a reliable grasp on the demographics and circumstances of those incidents? We simply must improve the way we collect and analyze data to see the true nature of what's happening in all of our communities." There will be an investigation and a trial in this case. Evidence will be examined and presented. It is proper to wait for that. But any exculpatory evidence must justify this use of force, not simply seek to excuse it. That will most likely be a high bar. The video that has now been made public is incredibly disturbing and may prove incontrovertible. We will wait and see. But it is important to remember that waiting is a luxury of time afforded to the living. Time has ceased for Scott. □

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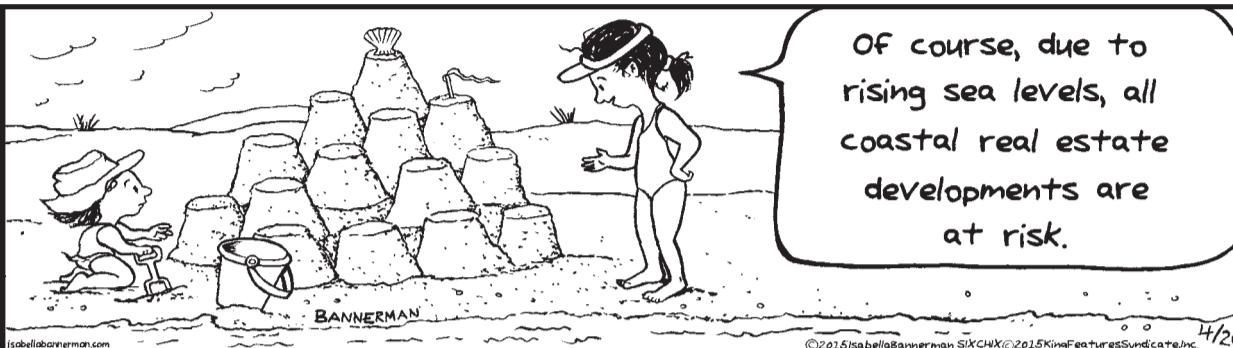
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- 15 Ambassador
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- 17 Kill
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- 20 Bic product
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- 23 Zsa Zsa or Eva
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- 83 Acceptable
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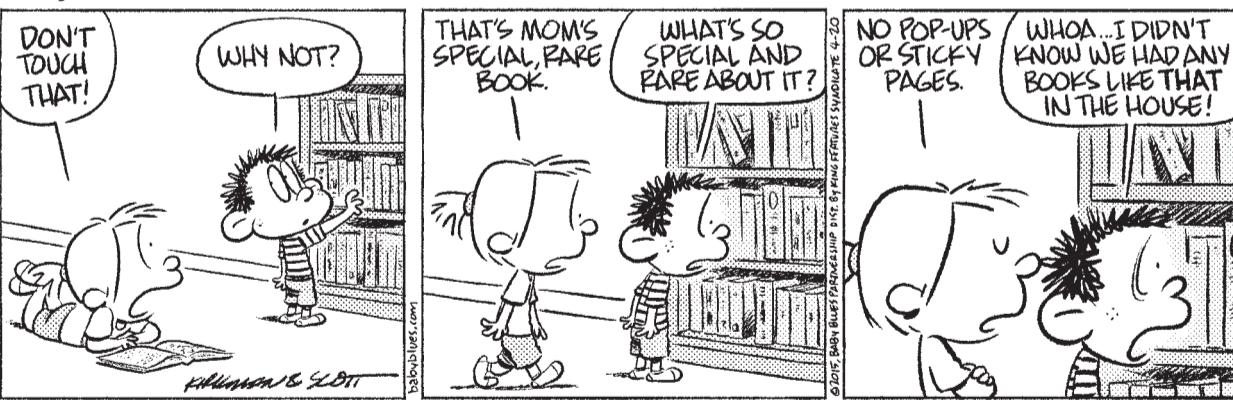
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The Upshot

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That may not sound like much, but it is more than half of the gap the same experiment showed between the tax rate favored by Obama voters and the rate favored by those who said they voted for Mitt Romney in 2012.

In other words, respondents favored less redistribution if they believed that the person had already grown accustomed to a higher income. The psychology seems to be something like this: Rich people who have been rich for a while have gotten used to their money, so it would be unfair to tax them heavily. But people who have just gotten rich have not become accustomed to higher levels of after-tax income, so it wouldn't be as harmful to raise their taxes in the interest of greater equality.

Another working paper, from the Brookings Papers on Economic Activity by Vivekian Ashok, Kuziemko and Ebonya Washington, looks at how thinking about redistribution has varied over time among groups. One of its more striking conclusions: The shift away from a belief in redistribution has been stronger among elderly Americans than any other age group.

Might this be explained by the elderly becoming more conservative in general, and therefore taking a more conservative view on this issue? Not really. The shift showed up even when the researchers controlled for views on hot-button social issues like abortion and gun control. The researchers offer another way of making sense of the pattern: Older Americans benefit more directly than any other age group from the social safety net, specifically, Social Security and Medicare. The fact that American seniors already receive government-provided health care may make them view any talk of greater redistribution as taking away what they already have, the researchers suggest. □

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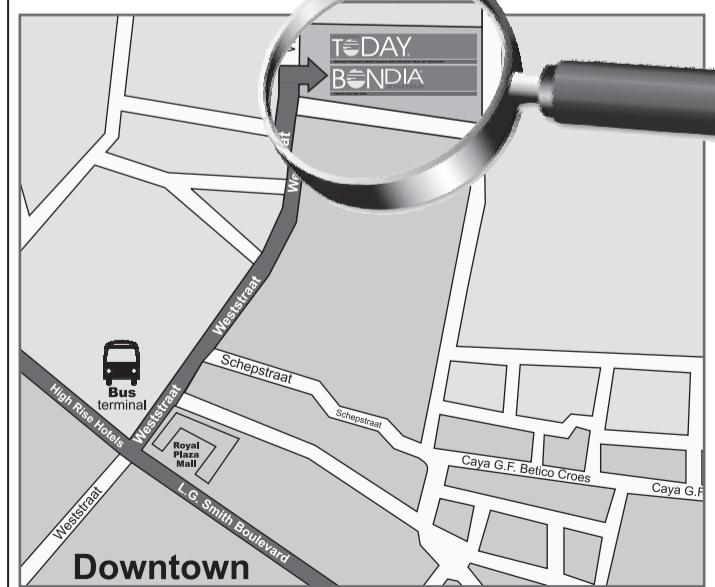
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Unprecedented germ diversity found in remote Amazonian tribe

LAURAN NEERGAARD

AP Medical Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a remote part of the Venezuelan Amazon, scientists have discovered that members of a village iso-

Most surprising, this group of Yanomami indigenous people harbored bacteria containing genes with the ability to resist antibiotic treatment, even though the villagers presumably

allergies, asthma, diabetes — that are on the rise, said senior author M. Gloria Dominguez-Bello of NYU Langone Medical Center. "The challenge is to determine which are the im-

studies of Americans, such as the U.S. government's Human Microbiome Project, or of Europeans. But increasingly, scientists are attempting to compare non-Western populations, especially those that keep traditional lifestyles like the isolated Yanomami.

"It's a fascinating study," Dr. Lita Proctor of the National Institutes of Health, who wasn't involved in the new research. "The more diverse your microbiome, the more those microbes bring properties to your body that you might need." The Yanomami continue to live a hunter-gatherer lifestyle in rainforests and mountains along the border of Venezuela and Brazil, and as a group are fairly well-known. But Friday's research, reported in the journal *Science Advances*, stems from the discovery of a previously unmapped Yanomami village in the mountains of southern Venezuela. Researchers aren't disclosing the village's name for privacy reasons but say it was first visited by a Venezuelan medical expedition in 2009 that collected fecal, skin and mouth swab samples from 34 villagers.

Scientists compared the bacterial DNA from those villagers with samples from U.S. populations and found the Americans' microbiomes are about 40 percent less diverse. The Yanomami's microbiomes

also were somewhat more diverse than samples from two other indigenous populations with more exposure to Western culture — the Guahibo community of Venezuela and rural Malawi communities in southeast Africa.

Intriguingly, the Yanomami harbored some unique bacteria with beneficial health effects, such as helping to prevent the formation of kidney stones, the researchers reported. Then genetic testing uncovered silent antibiotic-resistant genes lurking in some bacterial strains. Antibiotics still could kill the bugs. But when the genes were switched on, by antibiotic exposure, they could block activity of some common modern antibiotics, said study co-author Guatam Dantas of Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis.

Today, exposure to antibiotics in medicine or agriculture spurs germs to become harder to treat. But bacteria in soil were a natural source of early antibiotics, Dantas explained, and probably these villagers at some point picked up those bugs which had evolved resistance genes as a defense from competitors. He said it suggests people have a natural reservoir of genes that may have other duties but that can activate to trigger drug resistance in the right environment. □



Yanomami Indians dance in their village called Irotatheri in Venezuela's Amazon region.

(FILE/Associated Press)

lated from the modern world have the most diverse colonies of bacteria ever reported living in and on the human body.

The microbiome — the trillions of mostly beneficial bacteria that share our bodies — plays a critical role in maintaining health. Friday's study raises tantalizing questions about the microbial diversity of our ancestors, and whether today's Western diets and lifestyles strip us of some bugs we might want back.

were never exposed to commercial medications. This isolated population offers "a unique opportunity to put our microbial past under the microscope," said lead researcher Jose Clemente, an assistant genetics professor at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai Hospital in New York.

The results bolster a theory that diminished microbial diversity in Western populations is linked to immune and metabolic diseases —

portant bacteria whose function we need to be healthy," she said.

Everyone carries a customized set of microbes that live in our noses and mouths, on our skin and in our intestines. This microbial zoo starts forming at birth and varies depending on where you live, your diet, if you had a vaginal birth or a C-section and, of course, antibiotic exposure.

Most of what scientists know about the human microbiome comes from

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Don Francisco says it's time to close *Sabado* with dignity

MIAMI (AP) — After receiving a standing ovation from his emotional audience, Don Francisco, the popular host of "Sabado Gigante," tried to explain why television's longest-running show is coming to an end.

Created by its boisterous host, the weekly three-hour

show, which means "Giant Saturday" in English, has long been Univision's most popular program. But on Friday, the Spanish-language channel announced the last "Sabado Gigante" show would be Sept. 19.

"As many of you know, yesterday Univision announced that after 53

years on the air, our program will close at the end of this season," Francisco said Saturday to his audience, some of them in tears.

"This 'Sabado Gigante' allowed all of us who work here to fulfill impossible dreams, and it is the time to end this story with dignity, at the best level ... and

with the highest ratings. We are second, first, third nationally every week. Times have changed, we know that, and because of that we need to look for new challenges," he added. "To us, I reiterate, this is not a moment of sadness. On the contrary, this is a moment of triumph," the Chilean-born Francisco said. □

With an average of 2.2 million viewers, the show remains No. 1 on Saturday nights among Hispanics in the United States and was up this season among younger viewers, according to the Nielsen company. The show also is broadcast to more than a dozen countries throughout Latin America. □

'Furious 7' takes another weekend box office victory lap

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LOS ANGELES (AP) — Even in its debut weekend, Kevin James's "Paul Blart" sequel couldn't outpace "Furious 7."

The reigning box office champion might have slowed from its blockbuster debut, but "Furious 7" maintained first place for the third weekend in a row with an estimated \$29.1 million, according to box office tracker Rentrak on Sunday.

This brings the high-octane action movie's domestic total to a staggering \$294 million, well above the \$202.8 million that "Fast & Furious 6" had earned at the same point in the cycle in 2013. The film's worldwide box office crossed the \$1 billion mark Friday.

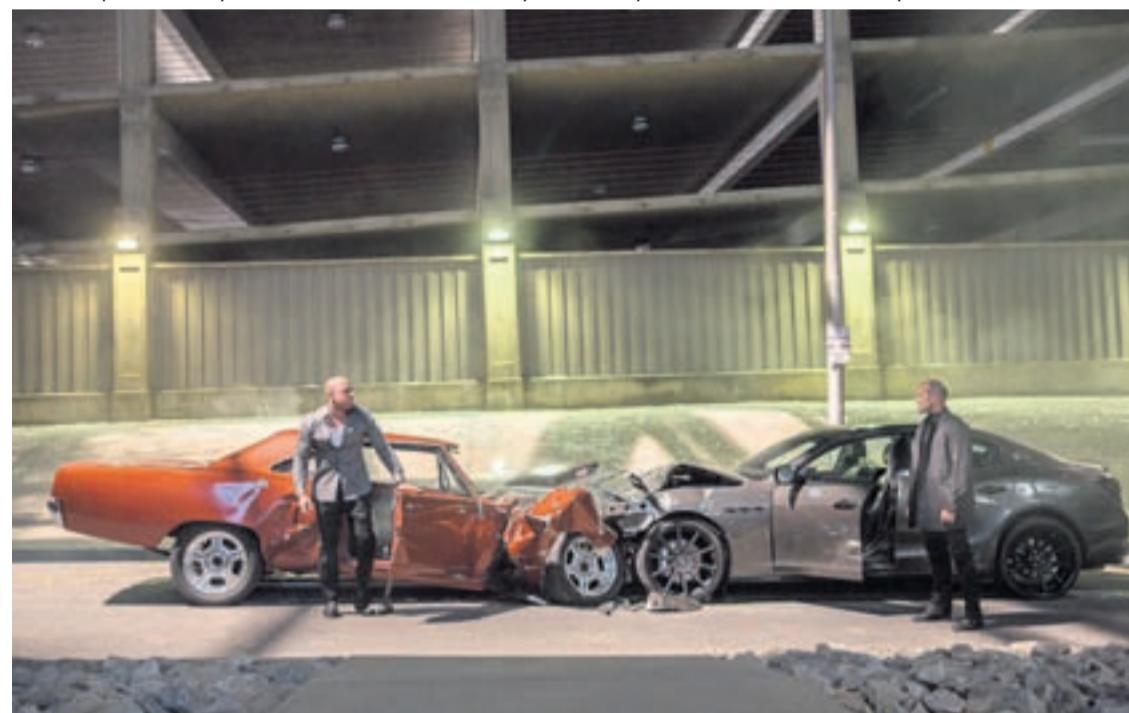
"The film has set a new standard for the potential for box-office in the pre-summer month of April and has truly become part of movie folklore with its record setting numbers, strong reviews, spectacular word-of-mouth and of course the outpouring of support for late star Paul Walker," Rentrak's Senior Media Analyst Paul Dergarabedian said.

"Paul Blart: Mall Cop 2" came in a close second with an estimated \$24 million. While the PG-rated comedy didn't perform as well as the first film's \$31.8 million opening in 2009, it did surpass Sony's modest

do and we wanted to do it with him," he said. "Kudos to Kevin for working so hard in promoting the film." Dergarabedian said "Blart's" opening "proves that if you give the people what they want, you can

strong debut for "Unfriended," Universal's President of Domestic Distribution Nick Carpou marveled how both of films are "so successful at both ends of the spectrum."

"When you find success



This photo shows, Vin Diesel, left, as Dom Toretto, and Jason Statham, as Deckard Shaw, in a scene from "Furious 7." (AP Photo/Universal Pictures, Scott Garfield)

expectations. Also, it only cost \$30 million to produce. "It's a great result. It's going to be very profitable for us and a big success," Sony's President of Worldwide Distribution Rory Bruer said. "It was something that Kevin really wanted to

make a tidy profit." Meanwhile, the low-budget, social media themed thriller "Unfriended" took third place with \$16 million — sixteen times its production budget.

With "Furious 7" topping the charts again and a

you look to repeat them," he said of Universal's partnership with Blumhouse on microbudget horror films. "It works."

"Unfriended" is the 11th microbudget film to open above \$15 million for Blumhouse. Other successes in-

clude "Ouija," "The Purge" series and "The Boy Next Door."

According to exit polls, audiences for "Unfriended" were 60 percent female and 74 percent under the age of 25.

Rounding out the top five were holdovers "Home" and "The Longest Ride," with \$10.3 million and \$6.9 million, respectively.

Disney's animal film "Monkey Kingdom" debuted to \$4.7 million to claim the seventh spot, in line with last year's "Bears," also from Disneynature.

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at U.S. and Canadian theaters, according to Rentrak. Final domestic figures will be released Monday.

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3. "Unfriended," \$16 million.

4. "Home," \$10.3 million.

5. "The Longest Ride," \$6.9 million.

6. "Get Hard," \$4.8 million.

7. "Monkey Kingdom," \$4.7 million.

8. "Woman In Gold," \$4.6 million.

9. "The Divergent Series: Insurgent," \$4.2 million.

10. "Cinderella," \$3.9 million. □

Actor Ben Powers, known for 'Good Times' TV role, dies at 64

NEW BEDFORD, Massachusetts (AP) — Actor Alton "Ben" Powers, known for his role in the 1970s CBS television series "Good Times," has died at age 64.

Powers died April 6 in New Bedford, Massachusetts, according to the Auclair Funeral Home, which is handling arrangements.

Details were not released. Powers played football player Keith Anderson, the husband of Thelma Evans, played by Bern Nadette Stanis, in "Good Times." The show was a Norman Lear hit about a black family in inner-city Chicago.

Powers also appeared as Moochie in the 1980s CBS

series "Mickey Spillane's Mike Hammer" with Stacy Keach, and had guest roles on other TV shows including "Gimmie a Break," "Flamingo Road," "The Greatest American Hero," "The New Odd Couple," and "Laverne & Shirley." Powers also acted in several 1980s movies including "Cheech & Chong's

Next Movie," "Things Are Tough All Over" and "The Man Who Loved Women." His first TV roles were on NBC's "Rowan and Martin's Laugh-in."

The Brooklyn, New York, native, was brought up by his grandparents in Providence, Rhode Island. He sang in the choir and was cantor at the First Tabernacle Pentecostal church, according to his family. He attended the Rhode Island School of Design, and began his acting career at the Trinity Repertory Theater in Providence, his family said.

Powers is survived by his mother, two sisters, two uncles, two aunts, four nephews and three nieces. □

Ringo Starr, Green Day rock their way into Rock Hall

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CLEVELAND (AP) — Ringo Starr was ushered into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame with a little help from one of his famous friends.

The mop-topped drummer who kept the beat for the Beatles, Starr was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame as a solo artist on Saturday night during a ceremony jammed with scintillating performances and touching moments.

Starr was the last of the Beatles to be inducted for his individual work, getting in after bandmates Paul McCartney, John Lennon and George Harrison. He was always the fourth Beatle — John, Paul, George ... and Ringo — but now he's been immortalized as a frontman.

Starr was inducted along with Green Day, underground-icon Lou Reed, Joan Jett and The Blackhearts, soul singer-songwriter Bill Withers, guitarist Stevie Ray Vaughan and Double Trouble, The Paul Butterfield Blues Band and The "5" Royales.

The 74-year-old Starr was inducted by McCartney, who said he could always count on Starr to have his back on every song.

"You don't have to look



Billie Joe Armstrong, left to right, Joan Jett, Paul McCartney and Ringo Starr perform at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony Sunday, April 19, 2015, in Cleveland.

(AP Photo/Mark Duncan)

with Ringo," McCartney said. "He's there."

Starr, amazingly fit and looking 20 years younger than his age, then stepped to the podium and said: "My name is Ringo and I play drums" — as if anyone didn't know.

He was then joined on stage by Eagles guitarist Joe Walsh on "It Don't Come Easy" before McCartney came out to play bass, the two living Beatles jamming again, to "A Little Help From My Friends."

The evening concluded, as it always does, with an all-star jam, this time to "I

Wanna Be Your Man."

With plenty of punk attitude and energy, Green Day thrashed its way into the Rock Hall.

The Bay Area trio, which formed as teenagers and helped make punk rock radio friendly in the 1990s, briefly turned the star-studded event into one of their high-intensity shows with a powerful set of some of their most memorable hits. From the opening power chords of "American Idiot," Billie Joe Armstrong, Mike Dirnt and Tre Cool had the crowd at Cleveland's Public Hall dancing

in the aisles.

Brash and belligerent, Green Day blasted onto the music scene just as Seattle's grunge sound was growing stale. The band borrowed riffs from punk pioneers like The Stooges and Sex Pistols, flavored them with some power chords and pop hooks and helped redefine a genre.

Reed was both daring and provocative as a songwriter and lyricist, pushing boundaries with ballads about forbidden subjects like drugs, prostitution and suicide. Reed's songs like

"Walk On The Wild Side," "Vicious" and "Heroin" remain vibrant today. Although he died in 2013, Reed continues to influence a young generation of musicians touched by his rebel ways.

Patti Smith remembered Reed the poet and recalled being at Rockaway Beach when she got the news of his death. She rode the subway back to New York City, Reed's city. "People were crying on the street," Smith said. "You could hear his voice coming out of cafes. Everyone was playing his music. Strangers came up to me and hugged me. It was as if the whole city was mourning. ... Thank you, Lou, for brutally and benevolently injecting poetry into your music."

Withers was inexplicably left off the hall's ballot for years, perhaps an unfortunate oversight. But the 76-year-old, who walked away from the music industry in the 1980s, is now part of musical royalty with a catalog of timeless songs like "Lean On Me." And "Just The Two Of Us." During his induction speech, Wonder said he would often hear Withers' music and say, "I wish I could have written that song." □

Facsimile of first Elvis recording re-released by Jack White

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NASHVILLE, Tennessee (AP)

— After anonymously buying Elvis' first-ever recording at a January auction, rock star Jack White is offering a limited-run vinyl re-release of "My Happiness" and "That's When Your Heartaches Begin" at his Third Man Records in Nashville.

The 10-inch, 78-rpm facsimile of the 1953 recording was digitally transferred from the original acetate onto new vinyl discs with no cleanup — pops, crackles and all.

"It's exactly what came off the grooves," Third Man's Ben Blackwell said.

The record is being sold in a plain paper sleeve because that's "what Elvis



People wait to enter Jack White's Third Man Records on Record Store Day Saturday, April 18, 2015, in Nashville, Tenn.

(AP Photo/Mark Humphrey)

would have walked out of Sun with a record in," Blackwell said.

"Sun" is, of course, Sun Records, the legendary Memphis label operated by Sam Phillips. Presley paid \$4 for

the recording. Six decades later, White paid \$300,000. Super-fans camped out in front of Third Man beginning Friday morning to make sure they could get their hands on the Elvis re-

cord and other goodies available only for Record Store Day. That included the first commercially available vinyl edition of "Get Behind Me Satan" from White's former band The White Stripes. The original Elvis recording was on display at Third Man as well.

The first four people in line were mother-and-son teams from Cleveland and Indianapolis.

Christina Condor, said her love affair with White and his store began about three years ago when she saw him perform on "Saturday Night Live."

"I fell in love with his music and started buying more and more albums," she said. She also introduced her 24-year-old son Maxx

Trevino to the scene.

Although she and Trevino make the 8-hour drive from Ohio every few months for special store events, she has glimpsed White only rarely on her trips to Nashville.

"I drove into the curb the first time I saw him," said Condor.

"She dented the bumper," Trevino said. "And there was a Beatles school-girl scream."

Nicholas Lynch, who was in line with his mother, Mary Page, said he moderates a Facebook page for collectors of Third Man's records. He estimated that at least 100 members of the group were in the line of about 700 people waiting for the store's 10 a.m. opening. □



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